



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVERE HOTEL WORKERS AND SUPPORT OF A STATEWIDE “RIGHT TO RECALL” FOR BOSTON HOTEL WORKERS

WHEREAS: Thanks to years of organizing, demonstrating, strikes and negotiations by Boston hotel workers, Boston hotel jobs are middle class jobs for residents of Chinatown, the South End, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan; *and*

WHEREAS: Through their job, many Black and Brown Boston hotel workers have achieved first generational wealth, allowing them to buy a home, raise a family and stay here in the City; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston hospitality industry is the third largest industry in Massachusetts, employing tens of thousands of Boston residents; *and*

WHEREAS: Recently the Revere Hotel on Stuart Street permanently eliminated 100 employees offering no severance for decades of service in some instances; *and*

WHEREAS: COVID-19 should not be used as an excuse to wipe away first generational wealth from thousands of Boston Black and Brown families; *and*

WHEREAS: Without government intervention, COVID-19 will be used as an reason for employers to enact a massive campaign of dislocation of Black and Brown people from their jobs; *and*

WHEREAS: The Revere Hotel situation is not the first example of this in Boston and will not be the last; *and*

WHEREAS: A state law allowing cities and towns to adopt a ‘Right to Recall’ ordinance would allow for workers to be recalled to their job within a two year period of being laid off; *and*

WHEREAS: Such a law and ordinance would help maintain wealth in Black and brown households; *NOW*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That the Boston City Council go on record expressing support of the Revere Hotel workers in their demand for to be recalled; *and be it further*

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council call on the Revere Hotel to negotiate a fair severance and right of recall for their workers; *and be it further*

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council go on record expressing support for a “Right of Recall” bill as described above; *and be it further*

ORDERED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the Revere Hotel.